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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. International Publication No. WO 03/005877 A2, published January 23, 2003;
2. Japanese Examined Patent Application Publication No. 61-11107, published April 1, 1986 together with an English language abstract; and

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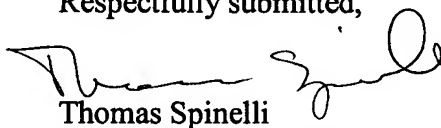

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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-225996,
published August 24, 1999 together with an English language abstract.

Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of references 2 and 3 has been described in the specification.

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